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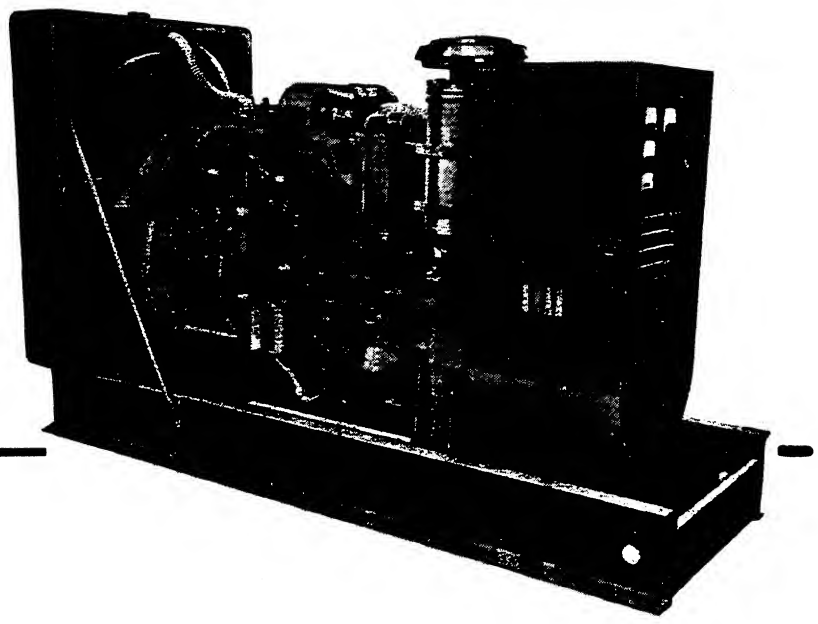
# Operators Manual

## DFP
## GenSet



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# Safety Precautions

The following symbols in this manual signal potentially dangerous conditions to the operator or equipment. Read this manual carefully. Know when these conditions can exist. Then, take necessary steps to protect personnel as well as equipment.

Read your manual and become thoroughly acquainted with it and your equipment before you start your unit. These recommendations and the following safety precautions are for your protection.

Fuels, electrical equipment, batteries, exhaust gases and moving parts present potential hazards that could result in serious, personal injury. Take care in following these recommended procedures.

**WARNING** ***This symbol is used throughout this manual to warn of possible serious personal injury or death.***

**CAUTION** ***This symbol refers to possible equipment damage.***

### General

- Keep your electric generating set and the surrounding area clean and free from obstructions. Remove any debris from set and keep the floor clean and dry.
- Provide appropriate fire extinguishers and install them in convenient locations. Consult your local fire department for the correct type of extinguisher to use. Do not use foam on electrical fires. Use extinguisher rated ABC by NFPA.
- Make sure that all fasteners on the generating set are secure. Tighten supports and clamps, keep guards in position over fans, driving belts, etc.
- Do not wear loose clothing in the vicinity of moving parts, or jewelry while working on electrical equipment. Loose clothing and jewelry can become caught in moving parts. Jewelry can short out electrical contacts; cause shock or burning.
- If adjustment *must* be made while the unit is running, use extreme caution around hot manifolds, moving parts, etc.
- Do not work on this equipment when mentally or physically fatigued.
- Coolants under pressure have a higher boiling point than water. DO NOT open a radiator or heat exchanger pressure cap while the engine is running. Bleed the system pressure first.

### Protect Against Moving Parts

- Keep your hands away from moving parts.
- Before starting work on the generating set, disconnect batteries. This will prevent starting the set accidentally.

### Fuel System

- DO NOT fill fuel tanks while engine is running, unless tanks are outside engine compartment. Fuel contact with hot engine or exhaust is a potential fire hazard.
- DO NOT SMOKE OR USE AN OPEN FLAME in the vicinity of the generator set or fuel tank. Internal combustion engine fuels are highly flammable.
- Fuel lines must be adequately secured and free from leaks. Piping at the engine should be approved flexible line. Do not use copper piping on flexible lines as copper will work harden and become brittle.
- Be sure all fuel supplies have a positive shutoff valve.

### Guard Against Electric Shock

- Remove electric power before removing protective shields or touching electrical equipment. Use rubber insulative mats placed on dry wood platforms over floors that are metal or concrete when around electrical equipment. Do not wear damp clothing (particularly wet shoes) or allow skin surfaces to be damp when handling electrical equipment.
- Use extreme caution when working on electrical components. High voltages cause injury or death. DON'T tamper with interlocks.
- Follow all state and local electrical codes. Have all electrical installations performed by a qualified licensed electrician. Tag open switches.
- DO NOT SMOKE while servicing batteries. Lead acid batteries emit a highly explosive hydrogen gas that can be ignited by electrical arcing or by smoking.

### Exhaust Gases Are Toxic

- Provide an adequate exhaust system to properly expel discharged gases. Inspect exhaust system daily for leaks per the maintenance schedule. Ensure that exhaust manifolds are secure and not warped. Do not use exhaust gases to heat a compartment.
- Be sure the unit is well ventilated.

### Keep the Unit and Surrounding Area Clean

- Make sure that oily rags are not left on or near the engine.
- Remove all oil deposits. Remove all unnecessary grease and oil from the unit. Accumulated grease and oil can cause overheating and subsequent engine damage and may present a potential fire hazard.

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# Introduction

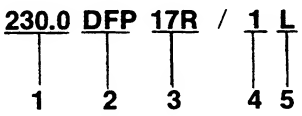
## FOREWORD

This manual is applicable to the DFP Series electric generating set, consisting of an ONAN YB generator, driven by a Cummins NT855-G Diesel Engine. See *SPECIFICATIONS* for generator sizes.

This manual should be used in conjunction with the Cummins engine manual, for specific engine information.

## MODEL IDENTIFICATION

Identify your model by referring to the MODEL and SPECIFICATION NO. as shown on the Onan nameplate. Electrical characteristics are shown on the lower portion of the nameplate.




1. Indicates Kilowatt rating (230.0 kW).
2. Factory code for SERIES identification.
3. 17 = 60 Hz. Reconnectible
   517 = 50 Hz. Reconnectible
   R—Indicates remote starting feature.
4. Factory code for designating optional equipment.
5. Specification letter. (Advances when factory makes production modifications.)

When contacting a dealer or the factory regarding the set, always mention the complete Model, Spec No. and Serial No. as given on the Onan nameplate. This nameplate information is necessary to properly identify your unit among the many manufactured. Refer to the engine nameplate when requesting information from its manufacturer. The Onan nameplate is located on the right side of the generator; the Cummins nameplate is on the right hand side on the auxiliary gear drive case.

**Left side and right side are considered when viewed from the engine or front end of the generating set.**

**WARNING**

## ENGINE EXHAUST GAS (CARBON MONOXIDE) IS DEADLY!

**Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas formed by incomplete combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Carbon monoxide is a dangerous gas that can cause unconsciousness and is potentially lethal. Some of the symptoms or signs of carbon monoxide inhalation are:**

- **Dizziness**
- **Intense Headache**
- **Weakness and Sleepiness**
- **Vomiting**
- **Muscular Twitching**
- **Throbbing in Temples**

**If you experience any of the above symptoms, get out into fresh air immediately.**

**The best protection against carbon monoxide inhalation is a regular inspection of the complete exhaust system. If you notice a change in the sound or appearance of exhaust system, shut the unit down immediately and have it inspected and repaired at once by a competent mechanic.**

# Specifications 230 kW

## ENGINE DETAILS

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine Manufacturer | Cummins |
| Engine Series | NT 855-G |
| Number of Cylinders | 6 |
| Displacement | 855-in.$^3$ (14.0 litres) |
| Gross Power @ 1800 r/min | 355 BHP (265 kW) |
| Compression Ratio | 14.1:1 |
| Bore | 5.5-inch (140 mm) |
| Stroke | 6.0-inch (152 mm) |
| Fuel | Diesel |
| Battery Voltage | 24 |
| Battery Group (Two 12-Volt, 225 A.H. [810 kC]) | 8D |
| Starting Method | Solenoid Shift |
| Governor Regulation | Isochronous No Load—Full Load ±0.25% |
| Battery Charging Current | 35-Amperes Max |

## GENERATOR DETAILS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Type | YB | 17 | 60 Hz |
| **Note:** For current rating see generator set nameplate. | YB | 517 | 50 Hz |
| Rating | | | |
| 60 Hertz Continuous Standby | 230 kW (287.5 kVA) | | |
| 50 Hertz Continuous Standby | 190 kW (237.5 kVA) | | |
| AC Voltage Regulation | ±2% | | |
| 60 Hertz r/min | 1800 | | |
| 50 Hertz r/min | 1500 | | |
| Output Rating | 0.8 PF | | |
| AC Frequency Regulation | ±0.25% | | |

## CAPACITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cooling System (Engine and Radiator) | 14 Gallons (53 litres) |
| Engine Oil Capacity (Filter, Lines, Crankcase) | 10.5 Gallons (40 litres) |
| Exhaust Connection (inches pipe thread) | 5.0 NPT male |

## AIR REQUIREMENTS (1800 r/min)

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine Combustion | 790 cfm (0.37 m$^3$/s) |
| Radiator Cooled Engine | 16,000 cfm (7.55 m$^3$/s) |
| Total for Radiator Cooled Model | 16,790 cfm (7.92 m$^3$/s) |
| Alternator Cooling Air (1800 r/min) | 1,200 cfm (0.6 m$^3$/s) |
| (1500 r/min) | 1,000 cfm (0.5 m$^3$/s) |
| Fuel Consumption at Rated Load ASTM No. 2 Diesel | |
| 60 Hz | 18.1 g/h (19 cm$^3$/s) |
| 50 Hz | 16.0 g/h (16.9 cm$^3$/s) |

## GENERAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Height | 71.5 inches (1.82 m) |
| Width | 44 inches (1.12 m) |
| Length | 115.5 inches (2.94 m) |
| Approximate Weight (Mass) | 6100 lbs (2767 kg) |

# Specifications 200 kW

## ENGINE DETAILS

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine Manufacturer | CUMMINS |
| Engine Series | NT 855-G |
| Number of Cylinders | 6 |
| Displacement | 855-in.$^3$ (14.0 litres) |
| Gross Power @ 1800 r/min | 355 BHP (265 kW) |
| Compression Ratio | 14.1:1 |
| Bore | 5.5-inch (140 mm) |
| Stroke | 6.0-inch (152 mm) |
| Fuel | Diesel |
| Battery Voltage | 24 |
| Battery Group (Two 12-Volt, 225 A.H. [810 kC]) | 8D |
| Starting Method | Solenoid Shift |
| Governor Regulation | Isochronous No Load—Full Load |
| Battery Charging Current | 35-Amperes Max |

## GENERATOR DETAILS

| | |
|---|---|
| Type | YB 17 60 Hz |
| **Note:** For current rating see generator set nameplate. | YB 517 50 Hz |
| Rating | |
| 60 Hertz Continuous Standby | 200 kW (250 kVA) |
| 50 Hertz Continuous Standby | 165 kW (206 kVA) |
| AC Voltage Regulation | ±2% |
| 60 Hertz r/min | 1800 |
| 50 Hertz r/min | 1500 |
| Output Rating | 0.8 PF |
| AC Frequency Regulation | ±0.25% |

## CAPACITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cooling System (Engine and Radiator) | 14 Gallons (53 litres) |
| Engine Oil Capacity (Filter, Lines, Crankcase) | 10.5 Gallons (40 litres) |
| Exhaust Connection (inches pipe thread) | 5.0 NPT male |

## AIR REQUIREMENTS (1800 r/min)

| | |
|---|---|
| Engine Combustion | 730 cfm (0.34 m$^3$/s) |
| Radiator Cooled Engine | 16,000 cfm (7.55 m$^3$/s) |
| Total for Radiator Cooled Model | 16,730 cfm (7.89 m$^3$/s) |
| Alternator Cooling Air (1800 r/min) | 1,200 cfm (0.6 m$^3$/s) |
| (1500 r/min) | 1,000 cfm (0.5 m$^3$/s) |
| Fuel Consumption at Rated Load ASTM No. 2 Diesel | |
| 60 Hz | 16.5 g/h (17 cm$^3$/s) |
| 50 Hz | 13.5 g/h (14 cm$^3$/s) |

## GENERAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Height | 71.5 inches (1.82 m) |
| Width | 44 inches (1.12 m) |
| Length | 115.5 inches (2.94 m) |
| Approximate Weight (Mass) | 5930 lbs (2690 kg) |

# Description

## GENERAL

An ONAN DFP series electric generating set is a complete unit consisting of an engine driven AC generator, with controls and accessories as ordered.

## ENGINE

The engine on the DFP is a Cummins NT855-G as described in the engine manual. Basic measurements and requirements will be found under *SPECIFICATIONS*. For operation, maintenance and service information, consult the Cummins manual.

## AC GENERATOR

The generator is an ONAN Type YB, 12 lead, 4-pole revolving field, reconnectible bus-bar, brushless unit. The main rotor is attached directly to the engine flywheel, therefore engine speed determines generator output frequency. The 60 Hz set operates at 1800 r/min, and the 50 Hz at 1500 r/min. Excitation is achieved as follows—

Residual alternating current from the stator winding is applied to the voltage regulator, where it is compared with a reference voltage, rectified and returned to the field of the exciter. Current induced in the exciter rotor is rectified and fed into the generator rotor. This induces a current in generator stator which is applied to the load.

## CONTROL PANEL

The following is a brief description of each of the standard controls and instruments located on the face of the panel. See Figure 1.

### DC Panel

**Oil Pressure Gauge:** Indicates pressure of lubricating oil in engine (wired to a sensor unit located on the engine).

**Water Temperature Gauge:** Indicates temperature of circulating coolant in engine. (Wired to a sensor unit located on the engine.)

**Battery Charge Rate DC Ammeter:** Indicates the battery charging current from the engine driven battery charging alternator.

**Run-Stop-Remote Switch:** Starts and stops the unit locally or allows unit to be started and stopped from a remote location.

**Reset Switch:** Manual reset for engine monitor after shut-down.

**Lamp Test:** Press to test warning lamp bulbs (when engine is running only).

**Warning Light:** Indicates "Fault" in engine operation.

### AC Panel

**AC Voltmeter:** Indicates AC generator output voltage.Dual range instrument: measurement range in use shown on indicator light.

**AC Ammeter:** Indicates AC generator output current. Dual range instrument: measurement range in use shown on indicator lights.

**Voltmeter-Ammeter Phase Selector Switch:** Selects the phases of the generator output to be measured by the AC voltmeter and AC ammeter.

**Voltage Regulator:** Rheostat, provides approximately plus or minus 5 percent adjustment of the rated output voltage.

**Exciter Circuit Breaker:** Provides generator exciter and regulator protection from overheating in the event of certain failure modes of the generator, exciter and voltage regulator.

**Running Time Meter:** Registers the total number of hours, to 1/10th that the unit has run. Use it to keep a record for periodic servicing. Time is accumulative; meter cannot be reset.

**Frequency Meter:** Indicates the frequency of the generator output in hertz. It can be used to check engine speed. (Each hertz equals 30 r/min.)

**Speed Adjust Potentiometer:** Provides approximately plus or minus 5 percent adjustment of engine speed from the governor setting.

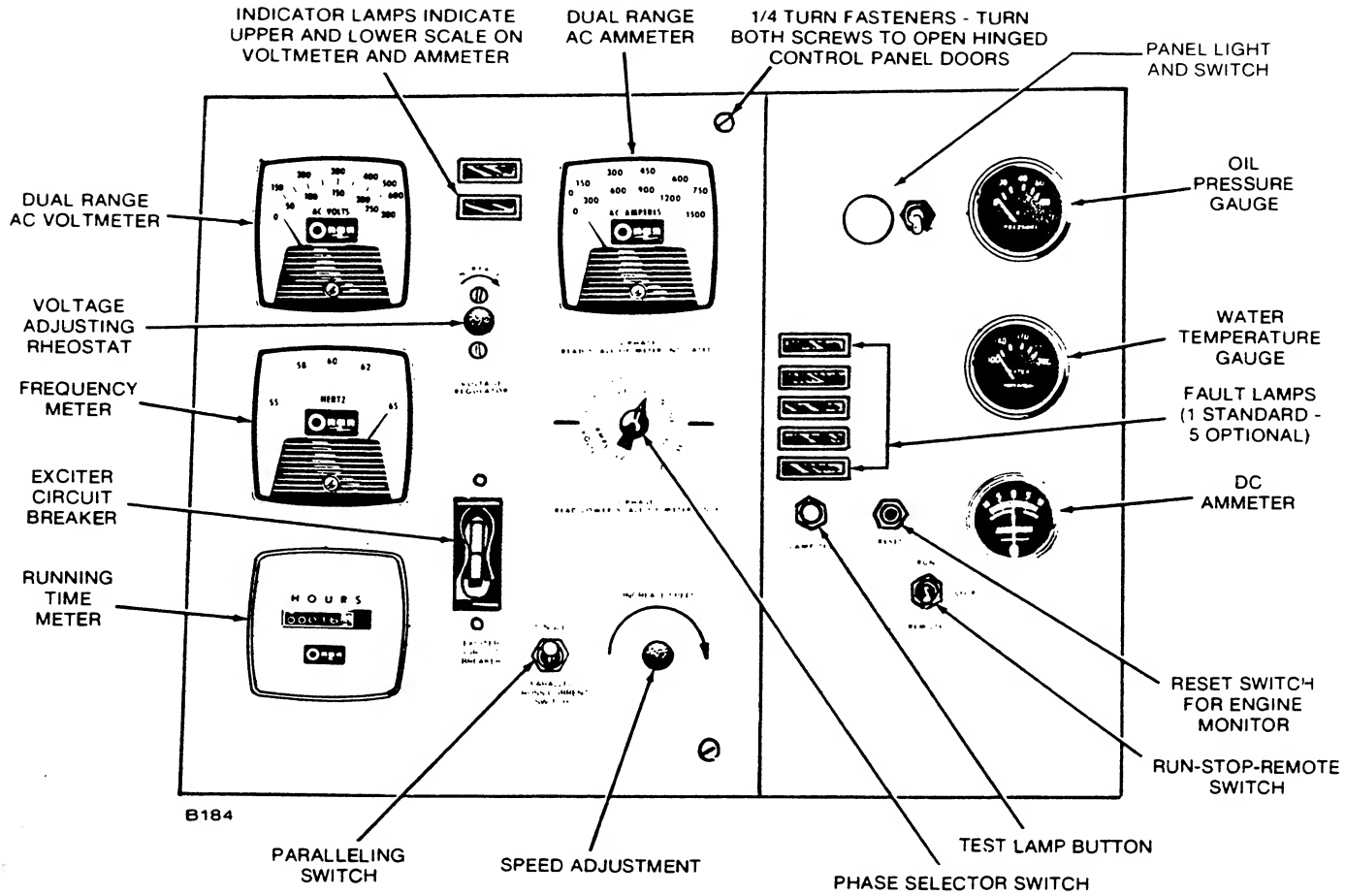
## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

### DC Panel

**Warning Lights:** Eliminates the one "Fault" light and substitutes five indicator lights to give warning of—

a. Overcrank (failed to start)
b. Overspeed
c. Low oil pressure
d. High engine temperature
e. Low engine temperature

Operation of these lights will be discussed in conjunction with engine monitor panel.



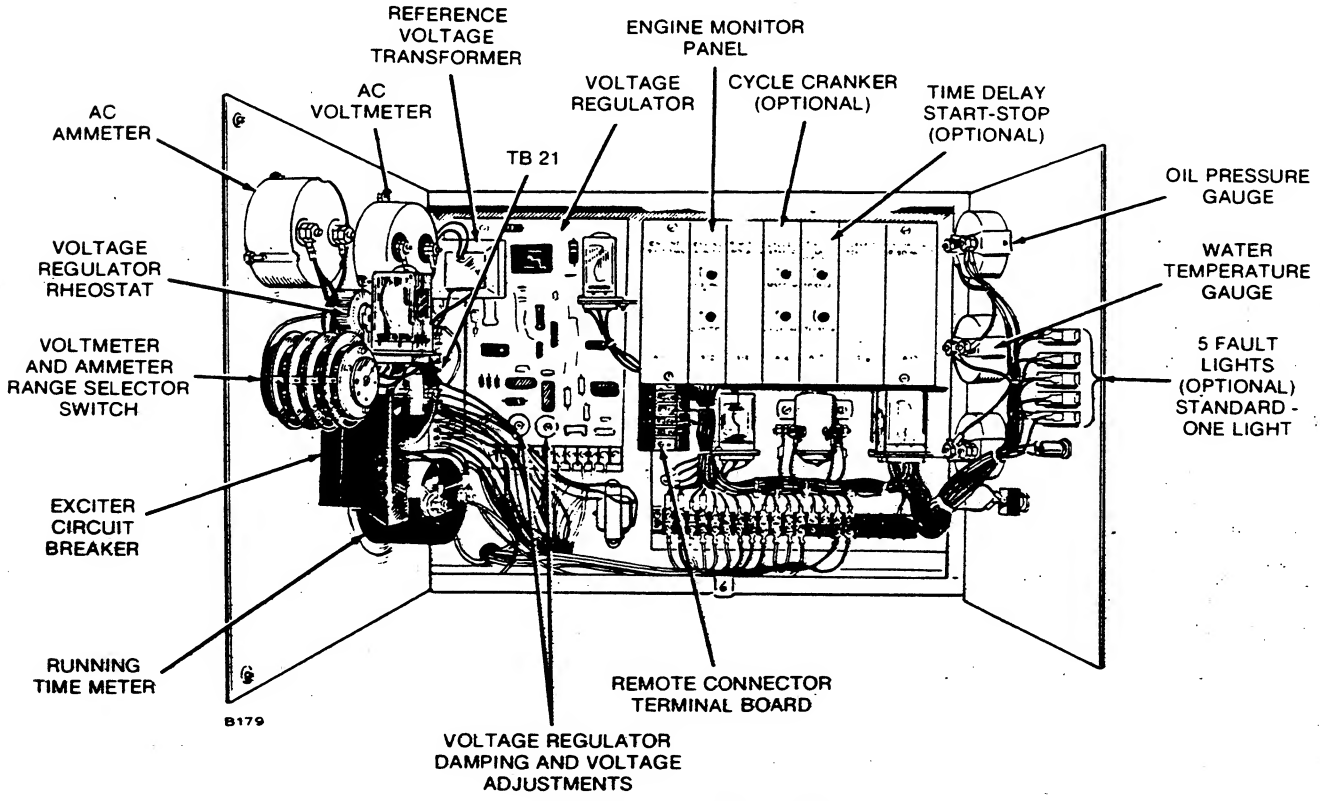




**FIGURE 1. CONTROL PANEL**

## CONTROL PANEL INTERIOR

The only equipments discussed in this section will be those which the operator may have reason to adjust or inspect for service. Refer to Figure 1 for location of units mentioned.

**Terminal Board (TB) 21:** Connection of wire W22 to terminals H3, H4, H5, and H6 is made at this point, to change reference voltage when reconnecting generator for different voltages. Refer to Figure 16.

**Voltage Regulator:** Solid state unit, consisting of printed circuit board VR21, an SCR bridge CR21, with a commutating reactor L21 are located in the control panel as part of the voltage regulator system. AC output from generator is controlled at predetermined level regardless of load; regulation is plus or minus 2% from no load to full load, at 0.8 P.F.

**Engine Monitor:** Printed circuit plug-in modules provide the following functions:

1. A 75 second cranking period.
2. Approximately 12.5 second time delay for oil pressure buildup.
3. An external alarm contact to light a fault lamp and shut down the set for alarm conditions such as:
   a. Overcrank (failed to start after cranking 75 seconds).
   b. Overspeed (engine speed exceeds 2000 r/min.
   c. Low oil pressure 14 psi (96.5 kPa).
   d. High engine temperature 205° F (96° C).

**On standard control panels, all four alarms are wired into one common fault lamp; on units with five fault lamps, four have shutdown alarms, the fifth (low engine temperature) lights a fault lamp only. Refer to Table 1.**

**Standard Cranking Module:** Limits engine cranking time to 75 seconds. If engine fails to start after 75 seconds the engine monitor lights a fault lamp and opens the cranking circuit.

**Overspeed Shutdown:** Shutdown occurs if engine speed exceeds 2010 r/min. A sensor mounted on the generator shaft (Figure 2) signals an overspeed condition which shuts down the engine through control module A16.

**Start-Disconnect:** Plug-in module. Operates at approximately 100 r/min above maximum cranking speed to prevent the starter from being energized while engine is running.

## OPTIONAL MODULES

**Cycle Cranker:** Plug-in module replaces standard cranking circuit. Automatically provides a 15 second crank time and a 10 second rest time for three ON and two OFF cycles in 65 seconds. If engine fails to start, after 75 seconds the engine monitor lights a fault lamp and opens the cranking circuit.

**Time Delay Start/Stop:** Operative from remote location only. Provides 1-10 seconds time delay on starting and 30 seconds to 5 minutes delay on stopping. Delay period adjustable on engine monitor panel.

**Pre-Alarm:** Gives advance warning for low oil pressure or high engine temperature. Requires two sensors each for engine temperature and oil pressure.

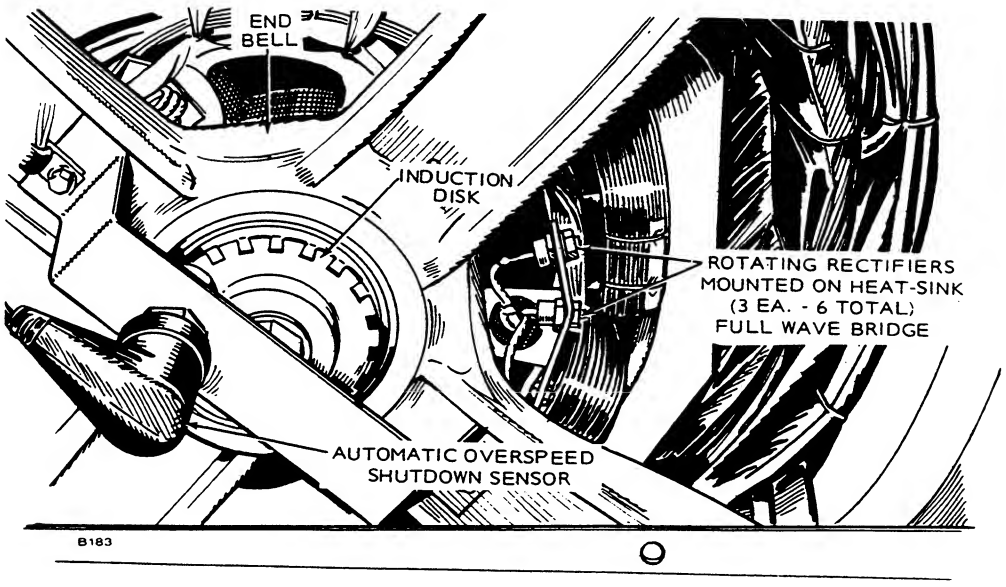



**FIGURE 2. OVERSPEED SENSOR**

## TABLE 1. FAULT LAMP OPTIONS

| SYSTEM | FAULT | FAULT LAMP | STOP ENGINE | EXTERNAL ALARM |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PENN STATE SINGLE LIGHT | Overcrank | x | x | x |
| | Overspeed | x | x | x |
| | Low Oil Pressure | x | | x |
| | High Engine Temperature | x | | x |
| STANDARD SINGLE LIGHT | Overcrank | x | x | x |
| | Overspeed | x | x | x |
| | Low Oil Pressure | x | x | x |
| | High Engine Temperature | x | x | x |
| 5 LIGHT | Overcrank | x | x | x |
| | Overspeed | x | x | x |
| | Low Oil Pressure | x | x | x |
| | High Engine Temperature | x | x | x |
| | Low Engine Temperature | x | | |
| 5 LIGHT PRE-ALARM | Overcrank | x | x | x |
| | Overspeed | x | x | x |
| | Pre Low Oil Pressure | x | | x |
| | Low Oil Pressure | x | x | x |
| | Pre High Engine Temperature | x | | x |
| | High Engine Temperature | x | x | x |
| | Low Engine Temperature | x | | |

## ENGINE SENSORS

Resistance units and switches in the engine temperature and oil pressure monitoring and shutdown systems are sealed units and are not repairable.

For location, refer to Figures 3 and 4. When changing a sensor, do not substitute, use recommended replacement parts. Resistance units are matched to the gauge they supply, and cut-off switches are close-tolerance actuation parts, made for a specific application.

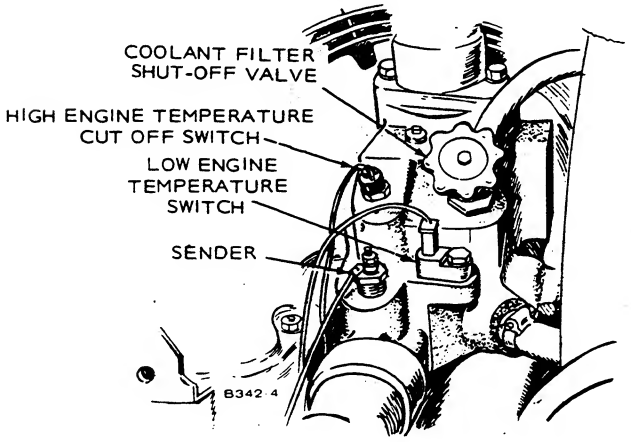



FIGURE 3. WATER TEMPERATURE MONITORS

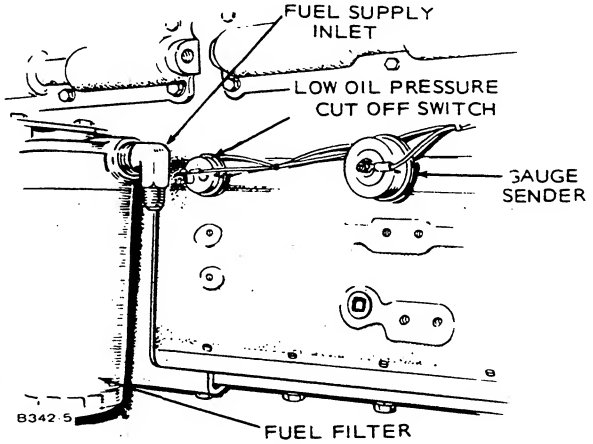



FIGURE 4. OIL PRESSURE MONITORS

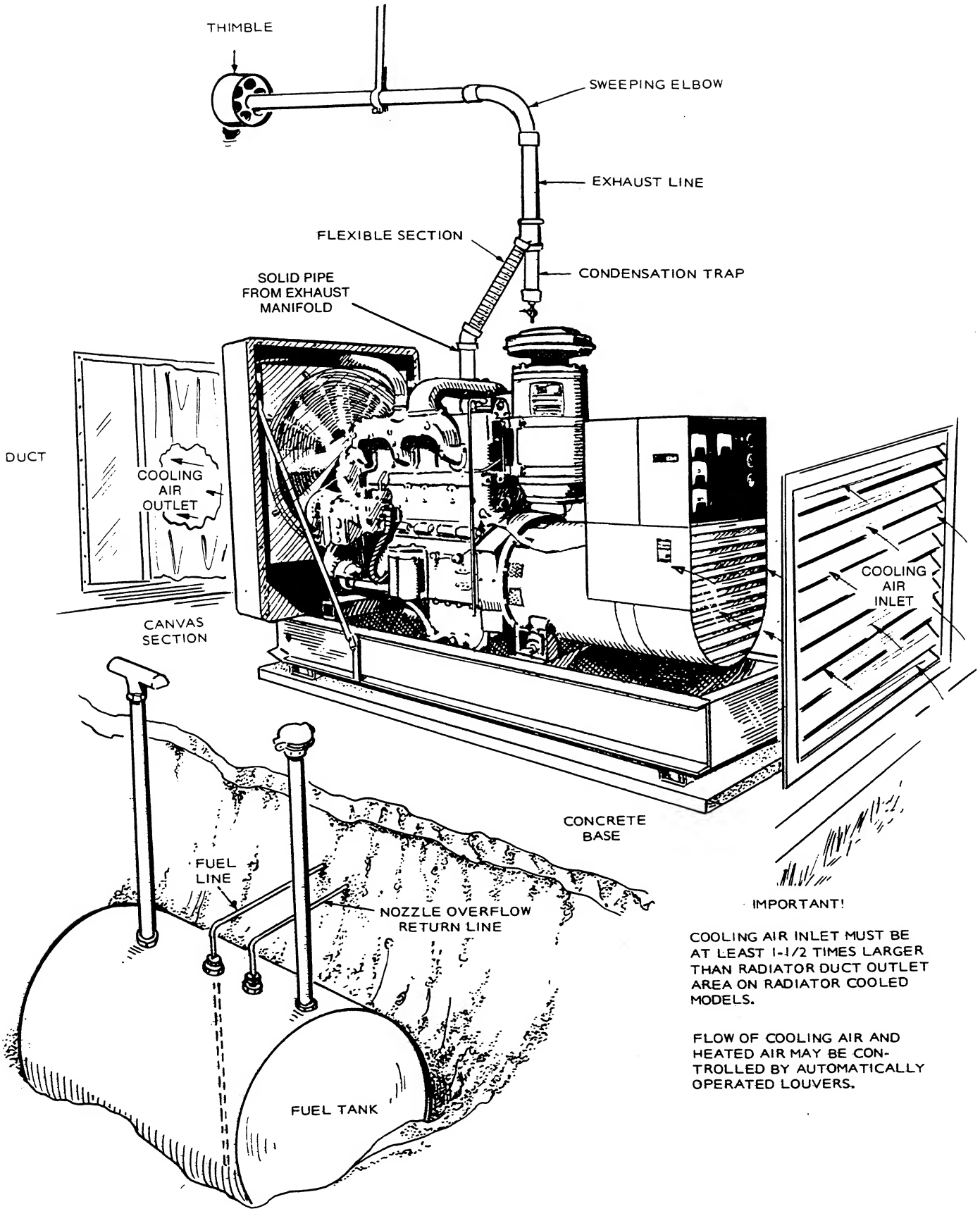



**FIGURE 5. TYPICAL DFP INSTALLATION**

# Installation

## GENERAL

Installations must be considered individually. Use these instructions as a general guide. All installations must meet regulations of state and local building codes, fire ordinances, etc., which may affect installation details. See Figure 5.

Requirements to be considered prior to installation:

1. Level mounting surface.
2. Adequate cooling air.
3. Adequate fresh induction air.
4. Discharge of circulated air.
5. Discharge of exhaust gases.
6. Electrical connections.
7. Fuel installation.
8. Water supply (city water cooling).
9. Accessibility for operation and servicing.
10. Vibration isolation.
11. Noise levels.

## LOCATION

Provide a location that is protected from the weather and is dry, clean, dust free and well ventilated. If practical, install inside a heated building for protection from extreme weather conditions.

## MOUNTING

Generator sets are mounted on a rigid skid base which provides proper support. The engine-generator assembly is isolated from the skid base by rubber mounts which provide adequate vibration isolation for normal installations. For installations where vibration control is critical, install additional spring-type isolators between skid base and foundation.

For convenience in general servicing and changing crankcase oil, mount set on raised pedestal at least 6 inches (152 mm) high. Refer to *ONAN Technical Bulletin T-030* for further installation information.

## VENTILATION

Generator sets create considerable heat which must be removed by proper ventilation. Outdoor installations rely on natural air circulation but indoor installations need properly sized and positioned vents for the required air flow. See *SPECIFICATIONS* for the air required to operate with rated load under normal conditions at 1800 r/min.

Radiator set cooling air travels from the rear of the set and is removed by a pusher fan which blows out through the radiator. Locate the air inlet to the rear of the set. Make the inlet opening at least 1½-times larger than the radiator.

Locate the cooling air outlet directly in front of the radiator and as close as possible. The opening size should be at least as large as the radiator area. Length and shape of the air outlet duct should offer minimum restriction to air flow. Use a duct of canvas or sheet metal between the radiator and the air outlet opening. The duct prevents recirculation of heated air.

Provide a means of restricting the air flow in cold weather to keep the room or compartment temperature at a normal point.

For operation outside a building, a shelter housing with electrically operated louvres is available as an option. Transformers connected across the generator output supply current to the motors.

When the generator is operating, current in the transformers actuate the motors and open the louvres. The louvres are held open for the duration of the set operation, then are closed by return springs when the set is shut down.

**City water** cooled sets do not use the conventional radiator. A constantly changing water flow cools the engine. Ventilation is seldom a problem, but sufficient air movement and fresh air must be available to properly cool the generator, disperse heat convected off the engine and support combustion in the engine.

**For small compartments,** a duct of equal or larger area than generator outlet is recommended to remove the heated air from the generator air outlet to the outside atmosphere. Limit bends and use radius type elbows where needed. A larger, well ventilated compartment or room does not require a hot air duct.

Installations made in a small room may require installation of an auxiliary fan (connected to operate only when the unit is running) of sufficient size to assure proper air circulation and evacuation of fumes.

## COOLING SYSTEM

**Standard Radiator Cooling,** uses a set mounted radiator and engine driven pusher type fan to cool engine water jacket. Air travels from the generator end of the set, across the engine and out through the radiator. An integral discharge duct adapter flange surrounds the radiator grille.

**Heat Exchanger Cooling (optional),** uses a shell and tube type heat exchanger instead of the standard radiator and fan. Engine jacket coolant circulates through the shell side of the heat exchanger, while raw cooling water is pumped through the tubes. Engine coolant and raw water do not mix. This type of cooling separation is necessary when the raw water contains scale forming lime and other impurities.

This system reduces set enclosure airflow and noise levels. Proper operation depends upon a constant supply of raw water for heat removal. The engine coolant side of the system may be protected from freezing. The raw water side cannot be protected from freezing. See Figure 6 for typical installation.

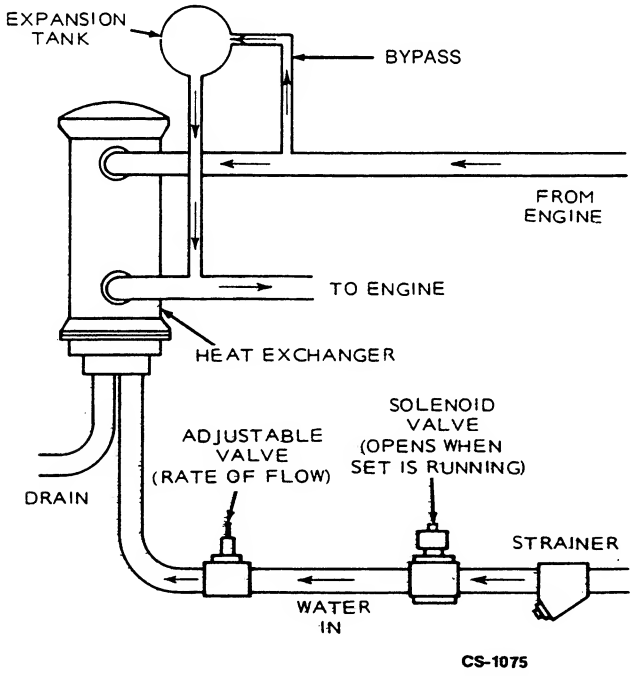



**FIGURE 6. TYPICAL HEAT EXCHANGER SYSTEM**

**Standpipe Cooling (optional)** substitutes a mixing (tempering) tank for the standard radiator and fan. Cooling water circulating through the engine jacket is mixed with raw water in the tank. Because raw water flows through the engine jacket, it must not contain scale forming impurities or fouling of the engine water will occur. Fouling results in engine overheating and costly repair bills.

This system reduces set enclosure airflow requirements and noise levels. Proper operation is dependent on a constant supply of cooling water. The system cannot be protected from freezing. See Figure 7.

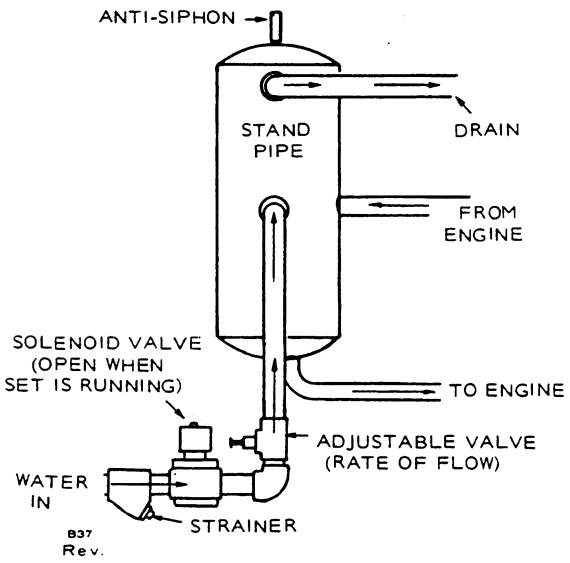



**FIGURE 7. TYPICAL STANDPIPE SYSTEM**

**Remote Radiator Cooling (optional),** substitutes a remote mounted radiator and an electrically driven fan, for the set mounted components. Removal of the radiator and fan from the set reduces set enclosure airflow requirements and noise levels without forcing dependence on a continuous cooling water supply. The remote radiator system can be completely protected against freezing.

This system must be designed to meet specific requirements of the application.

**Water Jacket Heater (optional)** may be installed to keep engine coolant warm while engine is shut down. It heats and circulates the coolant within the engine, which reduces start-up time and engine wear caused by cold starts. It is electrically operated and thermostatically controlled.

## COOLING CONNECTIONS

The radiator cooled (standard) set does not require any external connections except as discussed under *Ventilation*. Allow clearance around the set for access to service the radiator and fan belts. See Figure 5.

Heat Exchanger and Standpipe cooled sets must be connected to a pressurized supply of cold water. Make connections to the set with flexible pipe to absorb vibration. On the cool water line install a solenoid valve to shut off the flow when the set is shut down and a rate of flow valve to control engine temperature. This valve can be either manual or automatic. Actual rate of flow will depend on inlet water temperature.

Adjust the flow to maintain water temperature between 165°F and 195°F (73.9°C and 90.6°C) while viewing the water temperature gauge under generator set rated load.

**Before filling cooling system check all hardware for security. This includes hose clamps, capscrews, fittings and connections. Use flexible coolant lines with heat exchanger, standpipe or remote mounting radiator.**

Remote radiator plumbing will vary with installation. All systems must comply with the following conditions—

1. Make all connections to the set and to the radiator, with flexible pipe.
2. Install an auxiliary circulating pump if the horizontal distance between the engine and pump exceeds 15 feet (4.5 m).
3. Install a hot-well system to relieve excess engine water jacket pressure if the top of the radiator is more than 15 feet (4.5 m) above the center-line of the engine crankshaft.

## COOLANT FILTER

A spin-on type corrosion filter is standard equipment on a DFP set. This precharge filter is compatible with plain water or all permanent ethelyne glycol base permanent antifreeze coolants. Refer to engine manufacturer's manual for instructions if a methoxy propanal base antifreeze is desired.

Do not use any type of antifreeze with a stop-leak additive. The filter will remove the additive (usually a particulate) and become clogged and ineffective. Replace filter periodically as recommended in *GENERAL MAINTENANCE* section. A shut-off valve is installed at each end of the bypass filter line to facilitate filter changing (see Figure 8).

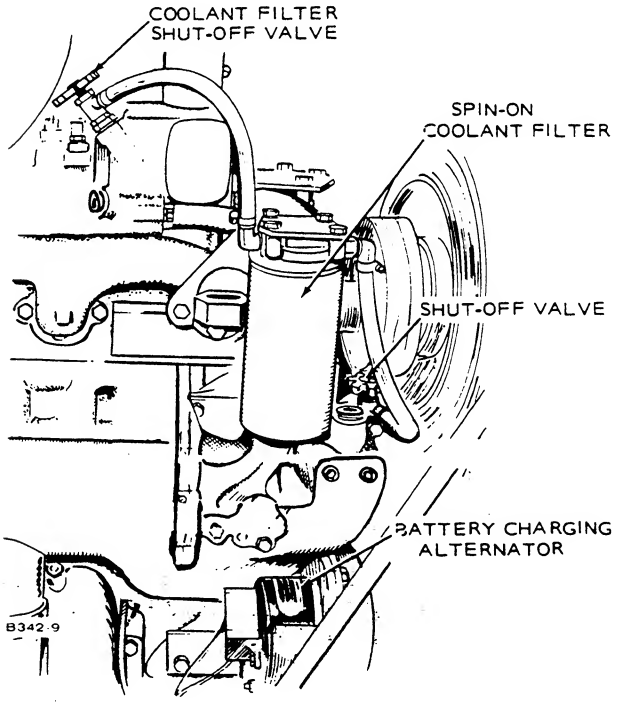



**FIGURE 8. COOLANT FILTER INSTALLATION**

## WATER JACKET HEATER (Optional)

This heater is installed to maintain an elevated engine temperature in lower ambient temperature applications. It heats and circulates engine coolant, and is thermostatically controlled.

## EXHAUST

Pipe exhaust gases outside any enclosure. The minimum exhaust outlet is 6 inch pipe size. Locate the exhaust outlet far from the air inlet to avoid gases re-entering the enclosure. Use flexible seamless tubing to connect between the engine exhaust and any rigid pipe extension to prevent transmission of vibration.

**WARNING** ***Pipe POISONOUS exhaust gas outside enclosure. Inhalation of exhaust gases can result in serious injury or death.***

Exhaust installations are subjected to various detrimental conditions, such as extreme heat, infrequent operation, light operating loads, etc. Therefore, regular and frequent inspections are necessary to ensure that the exhaust system remains fume-tight and safe for operation.

**WARNING** ***Do not use exhaust manifold heat to warm a room or compartment occupied by people due to possible leaking of harmful gases. Inhalation of exhaust gases can be fatal.***

An approved thimble must be used (Figure 9) where exhaust pipes pass through walls or partitions. Build the thimble according to codes (see National Fire Protection Association bulletin, Volume 4, section 211 on "*Standards for Chimneys, Fireplaces and Vents*"). Pitch exhaust pipes downward and install a condensation trap at the point where the exhaust system begins (Figure 10).

As the exhaust pipe length and number of bends increases, larger pipe is required to eliminate excessive exhaust restriction and back pressure.

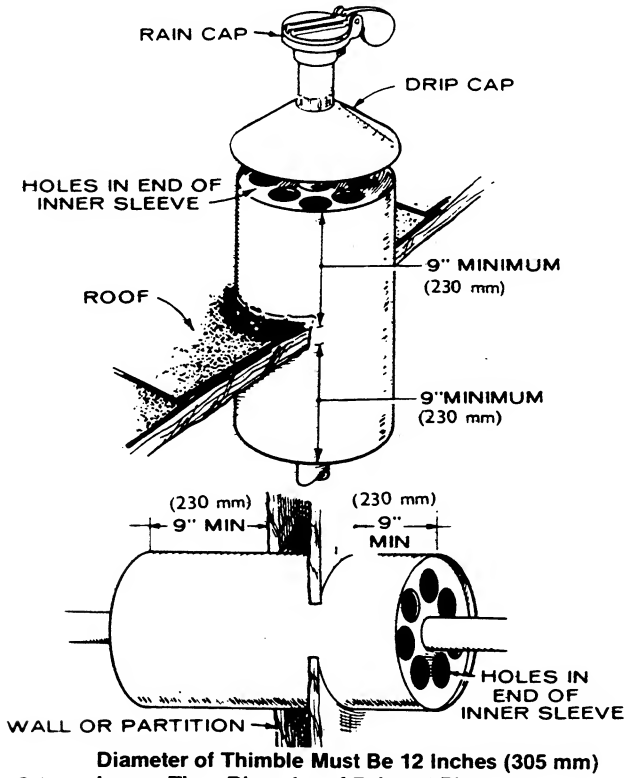



FIGURE 9. EXHAUST THIMBLE

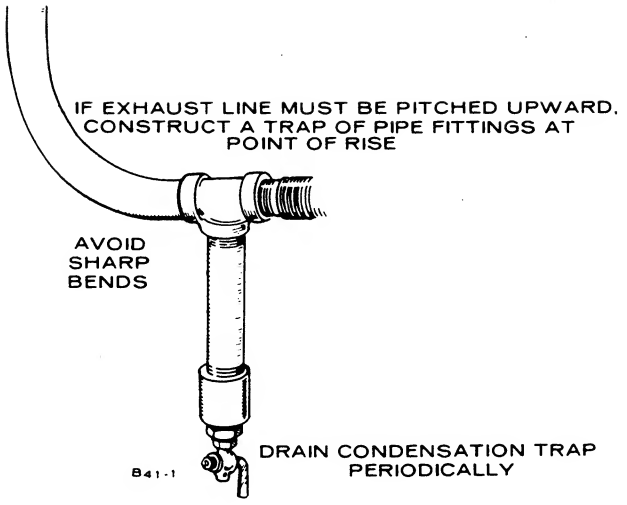



FIGURE 10. EXHAUST CONDENSATION TRAP

**CAUTION** ***Do not connect flexible portion of exhaust line directly to the engine exhaust manifold (See Figure 5).***

## TABLE 2. EXHAUST PIPE SIZING AND LENGTH

| PIPE SIZE (INCHES) | | 6 |
|---|---|---|
| MAXIMUM PIPE LENGTH IN FEET/m | 200 DFP | 255 (78) |
| | 230 DFP | 175 (53) |

## TABLE 3. PIPE FITTING EQUIVALENT LENGTH

| TYPE OF FITTING Inches | 6 |
|---|---|
| STANDARD ELBOW Feet (Metres) | 16 (4.88) |
| LONG RADIUS ELBOW Feet (Metres) | 11 (3.35) |
| MEDIUM RADIUS ELBOW Feet (Metres) | 14 (4.27) |
| STANDARD TEE Feet (Metres) | 34 (10.36) |

Table 2 & 3 shows the maximum equivalent exhaust pipe length for exhaust systems using 6 inch pipe. Also shown are the equivalent lengths of various pipe fittings. The TOTAL exhaust system equivalent length (including all fittings and muffler) must NOT exceed the length shown in Table 2 for the size of pipe used. Exceeding the maximum length will create excessive back pressure in the system.

## FUEL SYSTEM

Cummins engines used on the DFP sets are designed for use with ASTM No. 2 Diesel fuel. They will however, operate on diesel fuels within the specifications delineated in the Cummins engine manual.

## FUEL CONNECTIONS

Check local regulations governing the installation of a fuel supply tank.

**In any diesel engine installation, fuel system cleanliness is of utmost importance. Make every effort to prevent entrance of moisture or contaminants of any kind. Do not use lines or fittings of galvanized material.**

A fuel lift in excess of 5 feet (1.5 m) is not recommended without a day tank installation because of fuel drainage.

Fuel inlet connection is to the filter and is threaded for 7/8-inch 14 UNF fitting. Injector's return to the tank is threaded for 3/4-inch 16 UNF fitting. See Figure 11 for fuel system installation.

**Maximum return line restriction, 4-inches Hg (13.5 kPa).**

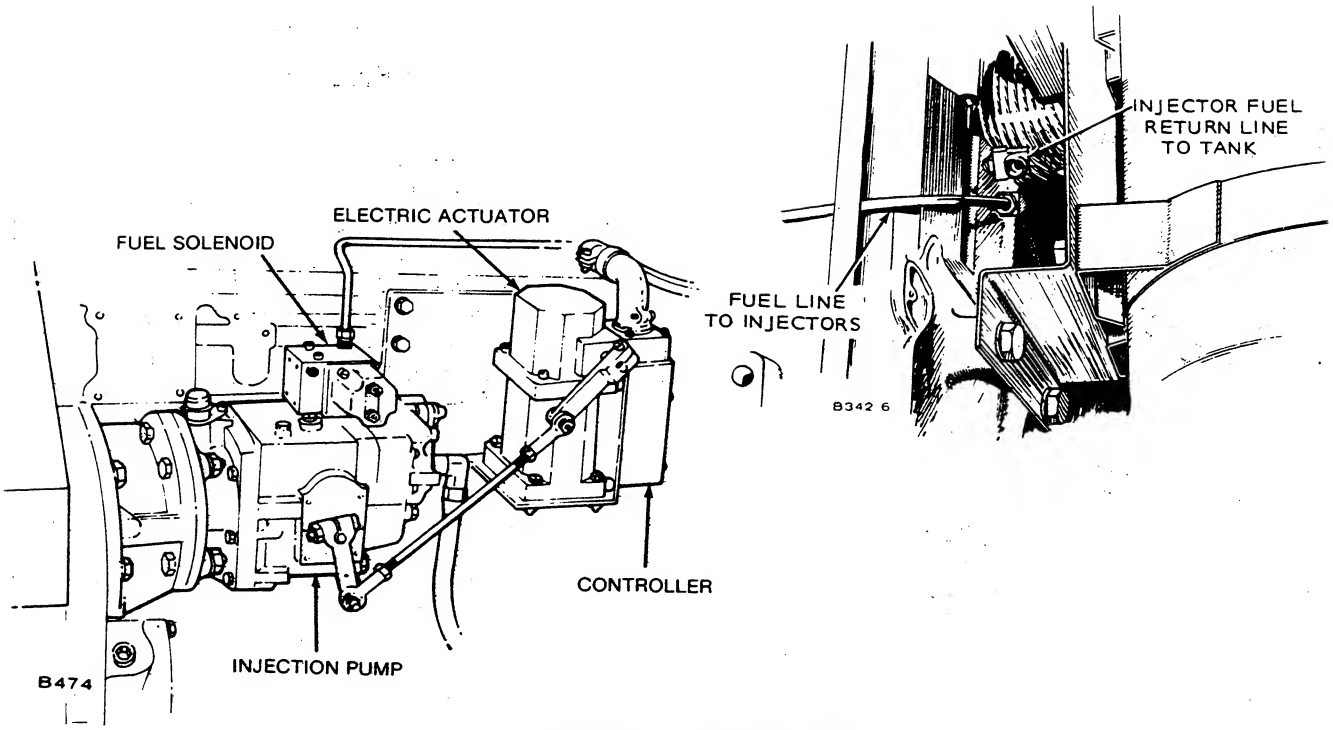



**FIGURE 11. FUEL SYSTEM**

## DAY TANK

Generator set installations may be equipped with an optional separate fuel day tank. A float operated valve controls fuel flow into the fuel tank. The correct level is maintained to assure a constant source of fuel. It is necessary to install an overflow line between the day tank and main fuel tank. Refer to the installations included with the tank. See Figure 12 for an example of a day tank installation. Tank and lines must be below level of injector pump return outlet.

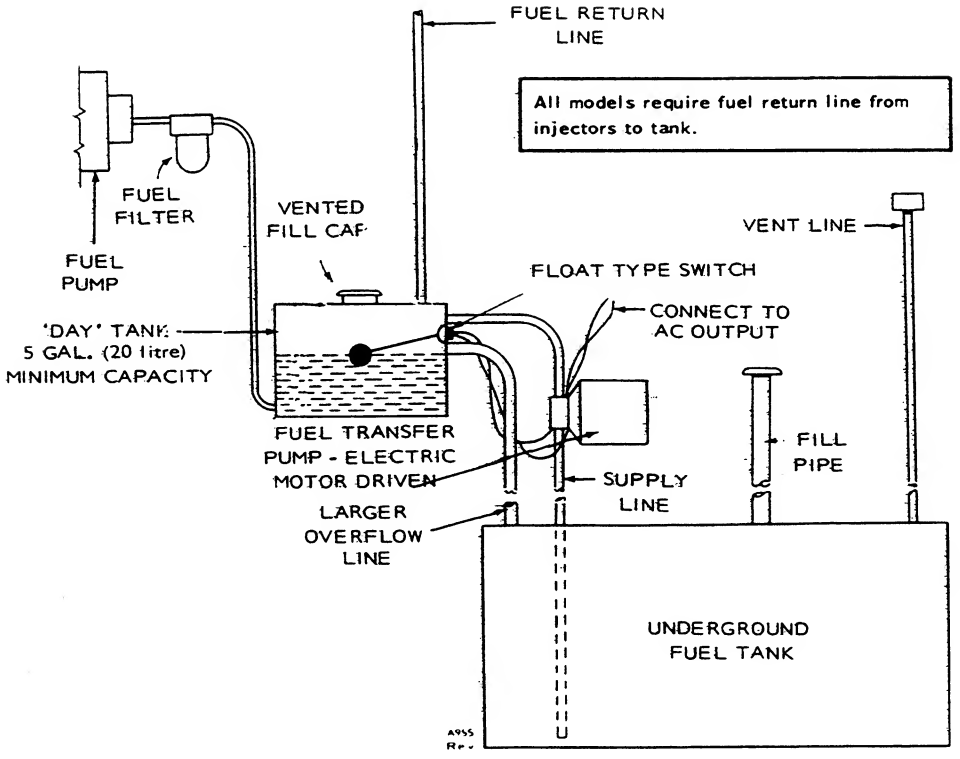



**FIGURE 12. DAY TANK (TYPICAL)**

## BATTERY

Starting the unit requires 24 volt battery current. Use two 12 volt (see *SPECIFICATIONS*) batteries for a normal installation. Connect the batteries in series (negative post of first battery to positive post of second) as in Figure 13. Necessary battery cables are on unit. Service the batteries as necessary. Infrequent unit use (as in emergency standby service) may allow the batteries to self-discharge to the point where they cannot start the unit. If installing an automatic transfer switch that has no built-in charge circuit, connect a separate trickle charger.

**WARNING** ***Do not smoke while servicing batteries. Lead acid batteries give off explosive gases while being charged.***

## BATTERY, HOT LOCATION

Batteries will self discharge very quickly when installed where the ambient temperature is consistently above 90°F (32.3°C) such as in a boiler room. To lengthen battery life, dilute the electrolyte from its normal 1.260 specific gravity reading at full charge to a 1.225 reading. The cranking power is reduced slightly when the electrolyte is so diluted, but if the temperature is above 90°F (32.2°C), this should not be noticed. The lengthened battery life will be worth the effort.

1. Fully charge the battery.
2. With the battery still on charge, draw off the electrolyte above the plates in each cell. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO POUR OFF; use a hydrometer or filler bulb and dispose of it in a safe manner. Avoid skin or clothing contact with the electrolyte.
3. Refill each cell with distilled water, to normal level.
4. Continue charging for 1 hour at 4 to 6 amperes.
5. Test each cell. If the specific gravity is still above 1.225, repeat steps 2, 3, and 4 until the reading is reduced to 1.225. Usually, repeating steps twice is sufficient.

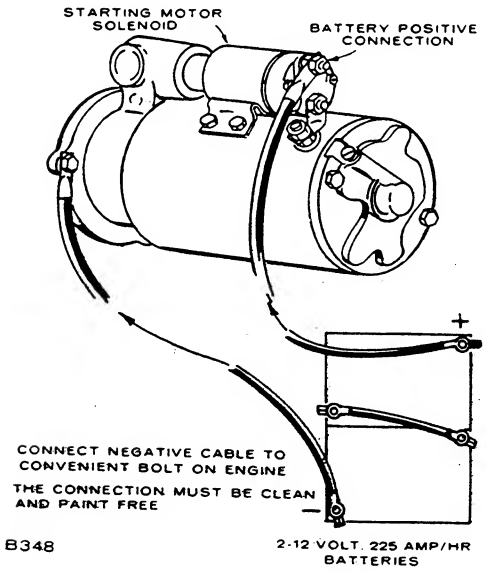



FIGURE 13. BATTERY CONNECTION

## REMOTE CONTROL CONNECTIONS

Provision is made for addition of remote starting. This is accomplished on a 4 place terminal block situated within the control box. Connect one or more remote switches across remote terminal and B+ terminal as shown in Figure 14. If the distance between the set and remote station is less than 1000 feet (305 m), use No. 18 AWG wire; between 1000 and 2000 feet (305 and 610 m), use No. 16 AWG wire.

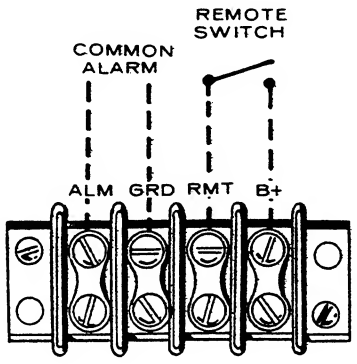
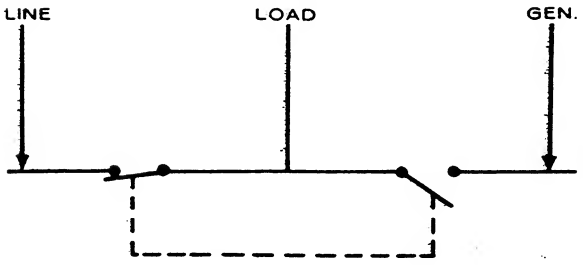



FIGURE 14. REMOTE START CONNECTION (TB12)

## WIRING CONNECTIONS

Most local regulations require that wiring connections be made by a licensed electrician and that the installation be inspected and approved before operation. All connections, wire sizes, etc. must conform to requirements of electrical codes in effect at the installation site.

If the installation is for standby service, a double throw transfer switch must always be used. Connect this switch (either automatic or manual) so that it is impossible for commercial power and generator current to be connected to the load at the same time. See Figure 15. Instructions for connecting an automatic load transfer control are included with such equipment.




NOTE: SHOWN WITH LINE CONNECTED TO LOAD.

**FIGURE 15. LOAD TRANSFER SWITCH (TYPICAL FUNCTION)**

## CONTROL BOX CONNECTION

Reconnection lead W22 on TB21 is a jumper which connects a single phase output from the generator to the appropriate tap on the voltage reference transformer. This lead is connected at one end to terminal 63 on the terminal board. The other end will be connected to a terminal marked H3, H4 or H5 (see Figure 16) depending upon the voltage option required. Refer to Figure 20 for voltages available and correct hookup.

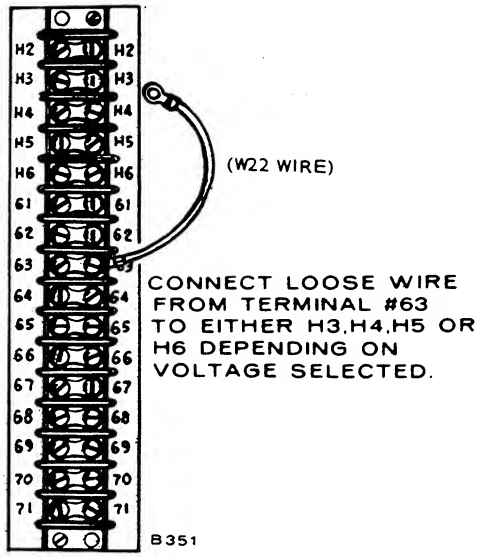



**FIGURE 16. CONTROL BOX CONNECTION**

## GENERATOR CONNECTIONS

The model YB17 generator is a 3-phase 60 Hz (YB517 is 50 Hz) unit which can be bus-bar connected (see Figure 18) in either series wye or parallel wye configuration to give the line-to-neutral or line-to-line options referred to in Figure 20. Special models -9X, -5D and -6D are connected at the factory and cannot be changed without extensive modification. Line-to-neutral voltage is the lower voltage noted on the unit nameplate, line-to-line voltage is the higher nameplate rating.

Refer to Figure 17 for an example of 120/208 voltage connection.

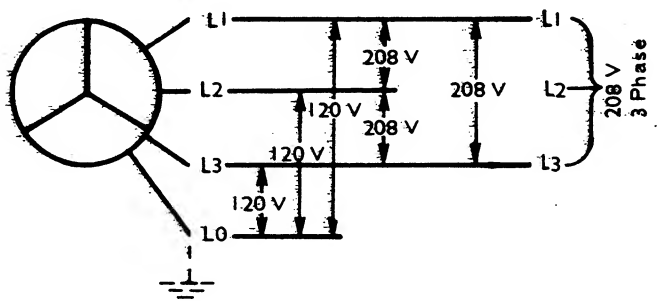



**FIGURE 17. 3 PHASE WYE CONNECTION**

### Wye Connection

Codes 7, 9X, 17, and 517 generators use a series wye or parallel wye configuration to give the line-to-line or line-to-neutral options shown in Figure 10. Both single and three phase loading is possible. For three phase operation at the HIGHER nameplate voltage, the load wires are connected to line terminals L1, L2, and L3. Terminal L0 is not used for three phase operation.

For single phase operation at the HIGHER nameplate voltage, the load wires are connected between any two line terminals (L1 to L2, L1 to L3, & L2 to L3). Terminal L0 is not used for single phase operation at the higher nameplate voltage.

For single phase operation at the LOWER nameplate voltage, the neutral wire is connected to terminal L0 and the load wires are connected to one of the line terminals (L1, L2, or L3). Terminal L0 can be grounded if required.

Figure 17 is an example of a Code 17 wye connection.

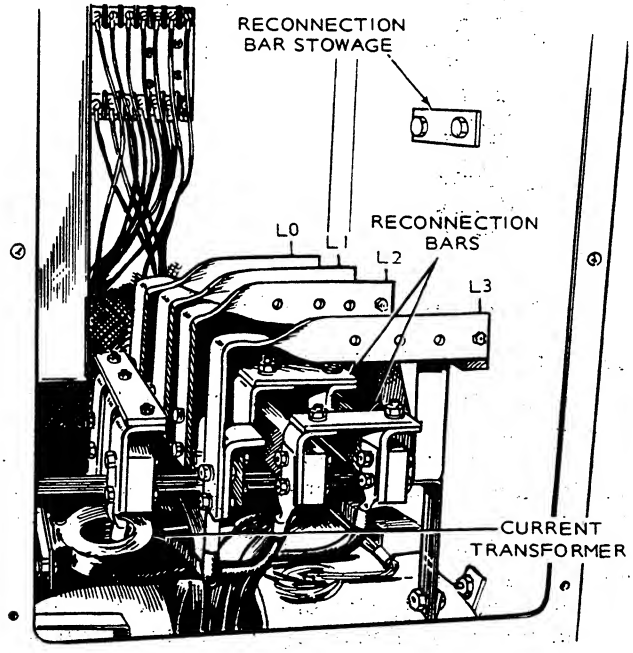



**FIGURE 18. LOAD WIRE CONNECTIONS**

Bus bars and reconnection bars are aluminum, plated with tin to retard electrolytic corrosion. Select connecting cables and terminal lugs with care, to keep dissimilar metals apart. Do not overtorque bolts. See Figure 18.

**Voltage Code 5D and 6D Delta Connected Sets:** Available in 60 Hz series delta winding only. The 5D unit is 120/240 volt, the 6D is 240/480 volt. These sets supply single phase and three phase current. For three phase operation connect load wires to generator terminals L1, L2 and L3, one wire to each terminal. Terminal L0 is not used.

For single phase operation, terminals L1 and L2 are supply terminals; L0 is neutral which can be tied to ground if required. For 120 volt (5D) or 240 Volt (6D) single phase, connect load wire to either L1 or L2 terminal and the return to L0.

See Figure 19 for a typical connection to a delta wound unit.

Any combination of 1 phase and 3 phase loading can be used at the same time as long as no terminal current exceeds the NAMEPLATE rating of the generator. If no 3 phase output is used, usable 1 phase output is 2/3 of 3 phase kVA.

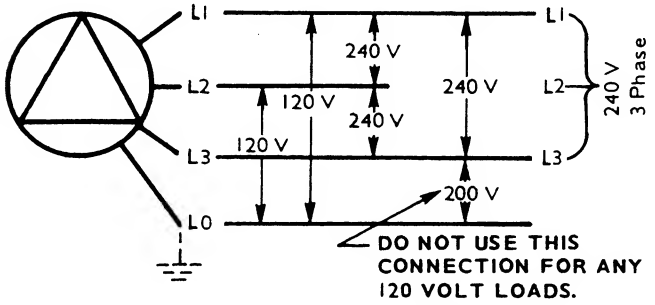



**FIGURE 19. 3 PHASE, DELTA CONNECTION**

## GROUNDING

Grounding involves making a conducting connection between the metal parts of the generator set or one of its electrical circuits and the earth. The design and installation of a grounding system is affected by many factors such as use of multiple transformers, ground fault protection requirements, and physical location of the generator. Follow the recommendations of the consulting engineer when installing the grounding system.

**WARNING** ***It is extremely important for life safety that bonding and equipment grounding be properly done. All metallic parts which could become energized under abnormal conditions must be properly grounded.***

Typical requirements for bonding and grounding are given in the National Electrical Code, 1981, Article 250. All connections, wire sizes, etc. must conform to the requirements of the electrical codes in effect at the installation site.

Periodically inspect the grounding system for soundness, especially after service work has been performed.

### Circuit and System Grounding

This refers to the intentional grounding of a circuit conductor or conductors. The design and installation of grounding system encompasses many considerations, such as multiple transformers, standby generators, ground fault protection, physical locations of equipment and conductors, just to mention a few.

Although the consulting engineer and installer are responsible for the design and wiring of each particular grounding application, the basic grounding requirements must conform to national and local codes.

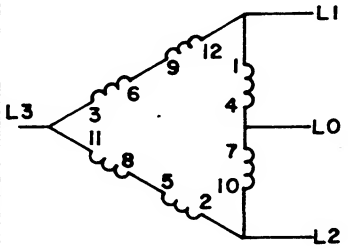
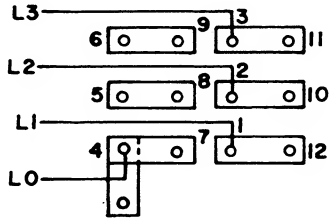
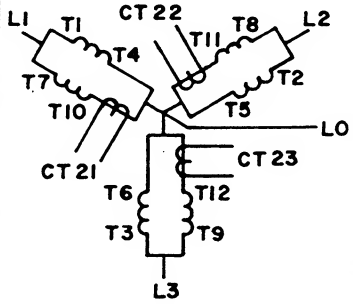
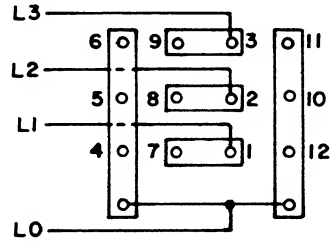
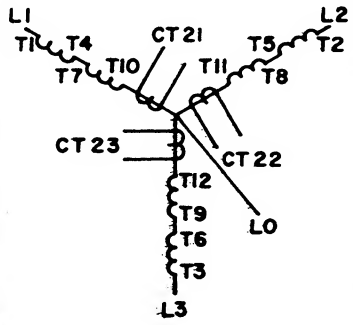
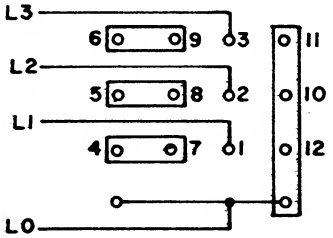
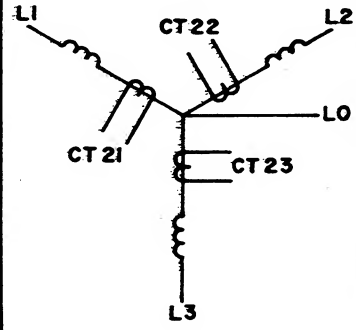
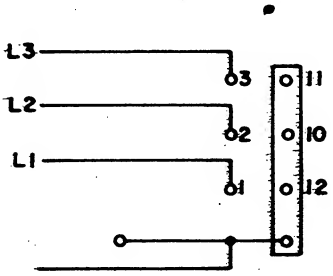
| NAMEPLATE VOLTAGE CODE | VOLTAGE | PHASE | FREQUENCY | CONNECT LEADS FROM TERMINAL 63 TO: | GENERATOR CONNECTION | GENERATOR CONNECTION SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM | GENERATOR CONNECTION WIRING DIAGRAM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5D | 120/240 | 3 | 60 | H5 | SERIES DELTA |  |  |
| 6D | 240/480 | 3 | 60 | H5 | | | |
| 17 | 120/208 | 3 | 60 | H3 | PARALLEL WYE |  |  |
| | 127/220 | 3 | 60 | H4 | | | |
| | 139/240 | 3 | 60 | H5 | | | |
| 5I7 | 110/190 | 3 | 50 | H3 | | | |
| | 115/200 | 3 | 50 | H4 | | | |
| | 120/208 | 3 | 50 | H4 | | | |
| | 127/220 | 3 | 50 | H5 | | | |
| 7 | 220/380 | 3 | 60 | H3 | SERIES WYE |  |  |
| 17 | 240/416 | 3 | 60 | H3 | | | |
| | 254/440 | 3 | 60 | H4 | | | |
| | 277/480 | 3 | 60 | H5 | | | |
| 5I7 | 220/380 | 3 | 50 | H3 | | | |
| | 230/400 | 3 | 50 | H4 | | | |
| | 240/416 | 3 | 50 | H4 | | | |
| | 254/440 | 3 | 50 | H5 | | | |
| 9X | 347/600 | 3 | 60 | H5 | SERIES WYE |  |  |

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FIGURE 20. OPTIONAL VOLTAGE CONNECTIONS

# Operation

## GENERAL

Onan DFP Series electric generating sets are given a complete running test under various load conditions and are thoroughly checked before leaving the factory. Inspect your unit closely for loose or missing parts and damage which may have occurred in transit. Tighten loose parts, replace missing parts and repair any damage before putting set into operation.

## PRESTART SERVICING

**Lubrication System:** Engine oil was drained prior to shipment. Fill crankcase to capacities shown below. After engine has been run, check dipstick, add oil to bring level to full mark. Record capacity for future oil changes.

Lubricating oil recommended for turbo-charged diesel engines is API Class CC/CD with a maximum sulphated ash content of 1.85%. Oils in this class should be satisfactory for most operating conditions. Do not mix brands nor grades of oil.

Oil viscosity should be as follows:

| AMBIENT TEMPERATURE* | SAE VISCOSITY GRADE |
|---|---|
| -13° F (-25° C) and below | See engine manual |
| -13° F to 95° F (-25° C to 35° C) | 10W-30 |
| 14° F (-10° C) and above | 15W-40 |
| 32° F (0°) and above | 20W-40 |

*SAE - 5W mineral oils should not be used.

The total system oil capacity is 10.5 gallons (40.0 litres).

**Cooling System:** Cooling system was drained prior to shipment. Fill cooling system before starting. Nominal capacity is 14 gallons (53 litres). For units using either a radiator or heat exchanger (city water cooled), fill the system with clean soft water. Use a good rust and scale inhibitor additive. If a possibility exists of a radiator cooled set being exposed to freezing temperatures use anti-freeze with an ethylene glycol base. During initial engine run, check the coolant level several times and replenish if necessary to compensate for air pockets which may have formed during filling. Refer to Cummins engine manual for additional information.

**CAUTION** ***Verify that the electric solenoid valve used with city water cooled sets is open before initial starting of unit to allow coolant chambers to fill. Overheating and damage to the engine could result from noncompliance.***

**CAUTION** ***If engine is equipped with a cooling system filter, do not use antifreeze with an anti-leak formula. The stop leak element can prevent or retard the coolant flow through the filter, thereby eliminating the filtering process completely.***

**WARNING** ***Be careful when checking coolant under pressure. It is advisable to shut engine down and bleed off pressure before removing pressure cap. Severe burns could result from contact with hot coolant.***

**Fuel System:** Refer to the Cummins engine manual for fuel oil specifications. Check with fuel supplier and ensure that fuel supplied meets the specifications. Filter or strain fuel when filling tank. Fuel supply tanks should be kept as nearly full as possible by topping up each time engine is used. Warm fuel returning from the injector pump heats the fuel in the supply tank. If the fuel level is low in cold weather, the upper portion of the tank not heated by returning fuel tends to increase condensation. In warm weather both the supply tank and fuel are warm. Cool night air lowers the temperature of the tank more rapidly than the temperature of the fuel. Again this tends to increase condensation.

Condensate mixing with the sulphur in the fuel forms a sulphurous acid which will corrode and damage the engine. KEEP FUEL CLEAN.

**WARNING** ***DO NOT SMOKE while handling fuel. Diesel fuel is flammable.***

**Priming Fuel System:** Priming should not be necessary as the set was checked out before shipping. If however it is desired to verify and reprime system, remove each fuel filter and fill with clean fuel oil. Replace filters and make sure that all connections are secure (see Figure 27).

## BATTERIES

Ensure that the cable connections to the batteries are secure. Coat connections with petroleum based or non-conductive grease to retard formation of corrosive deposits.

Check level of electrolyte to be at split ring mark. Measure specific gravity of electrolyte: SG 1.260 at 80°F (27°C). If distilled water has been added or specific gravity is less than 1.260, place batteries on charge until desired reading is reached. Do not over charge.

## STARTING

When the preceding service functions have been performed, recheck to verify unit is ready to start.

1. Crankcase filled.
2. Governor sump filled (Figure 24).
3. Cooling system filled—input solenoid valve open.
4. Batteries charged and connected.
5. Fuel solenoid valve open.

To start, move the "run-stop/reset-remote" switch to the "run" position. The engine should start after a few seconds of cranking. Immediately after start, observe the oil pressure gauge. Normal oil pressure is between 50 and 70 psi (345—483 kPa). Check the following gauges:

1. DC Ammeter—10 to 30 amperes.
2. AC Voltmeter—AC generator output voltage.
3. Frequency Meter—AC generator output frequency.

After running 10 minutes under load the water temperature gauge should have stabilized at 165°F to 195°F (74°C to 91°C). On city water cooled units an adjustable valve is connected in the water supply line. Adjust the hand wheel valve to provide a water flow that will keep the water temperature gauge reading within the range of 165°F to 195°F (74°C to 91°C).

## STOPPING

To reduce and stabilize the engine temperatures and prevent turbocharger housing damage, run the engine at no load for three to five minutes before shutting down.

Move the run-stop/reset-remote switch to stop position to shut down the set.

**Break-in Note:** Run set at 50 percent rated load for the first half-hour of initial operation after reaching operating temperature.

**Non-Start:** If after a few seconds of cranking, engine fails to start, or starts and runs then stops and fault lamp lights, refer to appropriate troubleshooting chart Table 4 or Table 5.

## NO LOAD OPERATION

Periods of no load operation should be held to a minimum. If it is necessary to keep the engine running for long periods of time when no electric output is required, best engine performance will be obtained by connecting a "dummy" electrical load. Such a load could consist of heater elements, etc.

## EXERCISE PERIOD

Generator sets on continuous standby service are required to be operative at essential loads from a cold start in a short period of time in the event of a power outage.

This imposes severe conditions on the engine. Friction of dry piston rings upon dry cylinder walls causes scuffing and rapid wearing. These can be relieved by exercising the set at least once a week for a minimum time of 30 minutes per exercise period. Preferably, run the set under at least 50 percent load to allow the engine to reach normal operating temperature. This will keep engine parts lubricated, maintain fuel prime, prevent electrical relay contacts from oxidizing and insure easy emergency starts. Onan automatic transfer switches contain an optional exercise switch which, by pre-selection, will start, determine run period and shut down a set on a weekly frequency. For example, the switch can be set for time of start, length of run, A.M. or P.M. and day of week.

After each exercise period, top off fuel tank, check engine for leaks and unit for general condition. Locate cause of leaks (if any) and correct.

**Priming Oil System:** To prime oil system proceed as follows:

1. Remove oil inlet line from turbo-charger housing (Figure 21), fill bearing housing with clean engine lubricating oil; replace line, secure.
2. Fill crankcase to "L" (low) mark on dipstick (Figure 22).
3. Remove plug from head of oil filter housing (Figure 21) and connect a hand or motor-driven priming pump from a source of clean lubricating oil to the plug boss in filter housing.
4. Prime until a 30 psi (207 kPa) pressure is obtained.
5. Disconnect wire from fuel solenoid valve (Figure 23), close throttle and crank engine while maintaining an external prime pressure of 15 psi (103 kPa), for 15 seconds.
6. Remove external priming equipment, replace plug in filter housing, torque 15 to 20 lb ft (20 to 27 N.m).
7. Reconnect wire to fuel shut-off valve.
8. Complete oil fill to "H" (high) mark on dipstick.

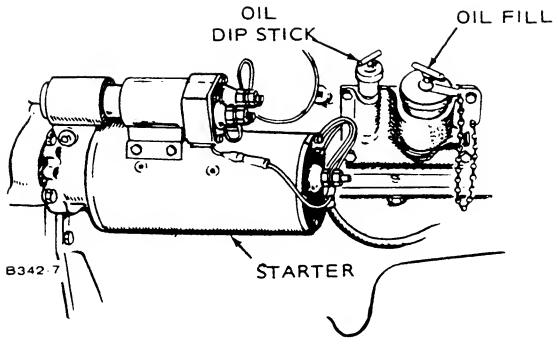



**FIGURE 22. OIL FILL AND DIPSTICK LOCATIONS**

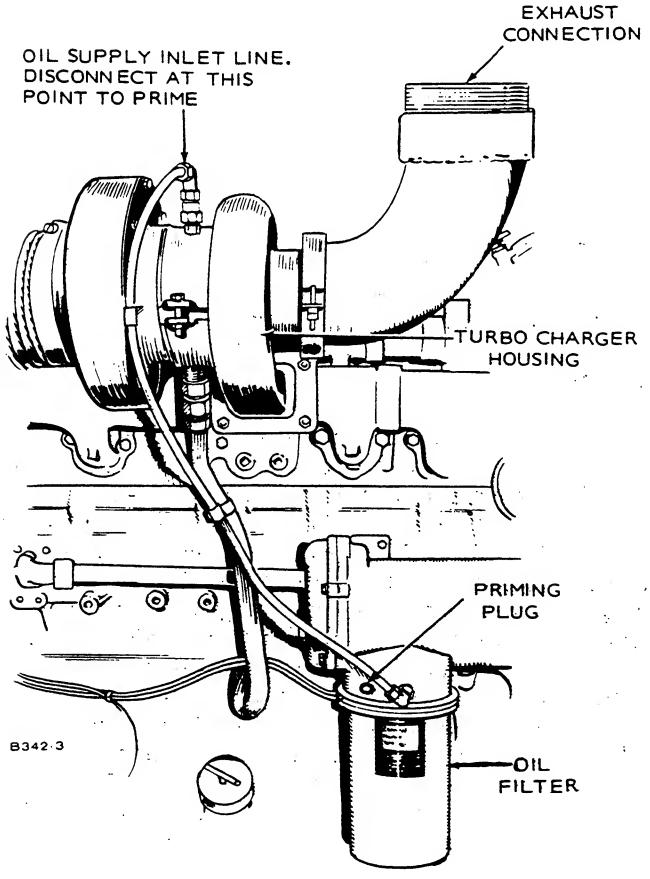



**FIGURE 21. PRIMING TURBOCHARGER**

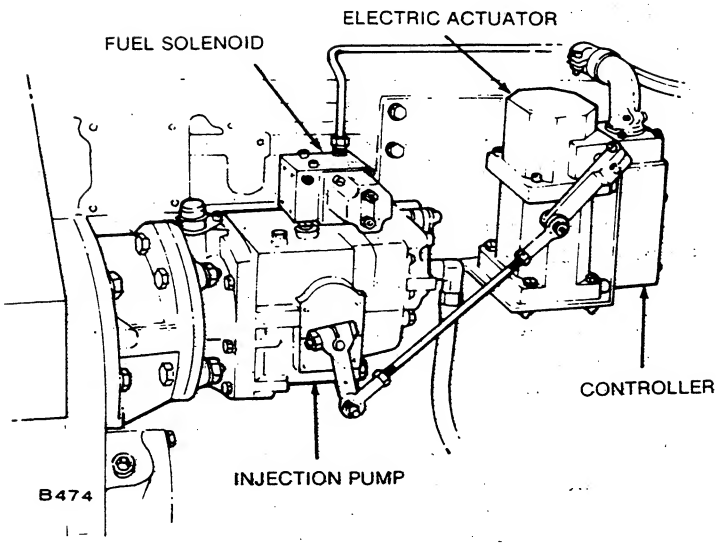



**FIGURE 23. FUEL SOLENOID VALVE LOCATION**

## TABLE 4.
## TROUBLESHOOTING ENGINE SHUTDOWN SYSTEM
## (Engines with only one fault lamp)

| SYMPTOM | CORRECTIVE ACTION |
|---|---|
| 1. Engine stops cranking and fault lamp lights, after cranking approximately 75 seconds. | 1. See engine service manual for troubleshooting fuel system.<br><br>After correcting problem, reset engine monitor relay by placing Run-Stop/ Reset-Remote switch to Stop/Reset, then back to the required running position. |
| 2. Fault lamp lights immediately after engine starts. | 2. Check for:<br>Overspeed condition as engine starts. |
| 3. Fault lamp lights and engine shuts down after running for a period. | 3. Check the following:<br>a. Oil level. Engine will shut down if sensor is closed.<br>b. Check engine manual for troubleshooting oil system.<br>c. High engine temperature. Check coolant level; check water flow (city water cooled systems); check radiator for free air flow, and fan belts for tightness. See engine manual for troubleshooting cooling system.<br>d. Check for faulty oil pressure sensor or faulty high engine temperature sensor. |
| 4. Engine runs, shuts down and cranks for 75 seconds. Cranking cycle stops; fault lamp lights. | 4. Check fuel supply. |
| 5. Fault lamp lights, no fault exists. | 5. To check a no-fault condition, disconnect leads from TB11 terminals 29, 30 and 31. If fault lamp lights with leads disconnected, replace engine monitor board. Reconnect leads. |

## TABLE 5.
## TROUBLESHOOTING ENGINE SHUTDOWN SYSTEM
## (Units with five fault lamps)

| SYMPTOM | CORRECTIVE ACTION |
|---|---|
| 1. Overcrank fault lamp lights and engine stops cranking after approximately 75 seconds. | 1. See engine service manual for troubleshooting fuel system.<br><br>After correcting fault, reset engine monitor relay by placing Run-Stop/ Reset-Remote switch to Stop/Reset position, depressing Reset button, then to the required running position. |
| 2. Engine runs, shuts down, cranks for 75 seconds, cranking cycle stops, overcrank light ON. | 2. Check fuel supply. |
| 3. *Low oil pressure shutdown. | 3. Check—<br>a. Oil level. Replenish if necessary.<br>b. Sensor. Faulty sensor will shut down engine.<br>c. Refer to engine service manual for troubleshooting guide for oil system. |
| 4. *High engine temperature shutdown. | 4. Check—<br>a. Coolant level. Replenish if necessary.<br>b. City water cooled sets. Check water flow, valves, etc.<br>c. Check sensor; check thermostat.<br>d. Radiator model, check fan belts, radiator for obstructions, etc. |
| 5. Overspeed shutdown. | 5. Check governor and throttle linkages for freedom of movement.<br>Check overspeed switch. |
| 6. Overspeed light on, no shutdown. | 6. Disconnect wire at TB11-29. Light on after reset; replace engine monitor board. |
| 7. *Low oil pressure light ON. No shutdown. | 7. Disconnect wire at TB11-30. Light ON after relay reset. Replace engine monitor board. |
| 8. *High engine temperature light ON. No shutdown. | 8. Disconnect wire at TB11-31. Light ON after relay reset. Replace engine monitor board. |

*NOTE: Not applicable on Pennsylvania State models.

## HIGH ALTITUDE

Ratings apply to altitudes up to 5000 feet (1524 m), standard cooling, normal ambients and with No. 2 Diesel fuel. Consult factory or nearest authorized Onan distributor for operating characteristics under other conditions.

## OUT OF SERVICE PROTECTION

For storage of all durations, refer to the Cummins engine manual.

## HIGH TEMPERATURES

1. See that nothing obstructs air flow to-and-from the set.
2. Keep cooling system clean.
3. Use correct SAE No. oil for temperature conditions.

## LOW TEMPERATURES

1. Use correct SAE No. oil for temperature conditions. Change oil only when engine is warm.
2. Use fresh fuel. Protect against moisture condensation.
3. Keep fuel system clean and batteries in a well charged condition.
4. Partially restrict cool air flow but use care to avoid overheating.
5. Connect water jacket heater when set is not running.
6. Refer to Cummins manual for further information.

**Water Jacket Heater:** The function of this optional heater is to keep the engine warm enough to assure starting under adverse weather conditions. Connect the heater to a source of power that will be on during the time the engine is not running. Be sure the voltage rating is correct for the heater element rating.

# General Maintenance

## GENERAL

Establish and adhere to a definite schedule of maintenance inspection and servicing, application and environment being the governing factors in determining such a schedule. If your set is a prime power application, base your schedule on operating hours. Use the running time meter to log hours run; maintain an accurate record of hours and service for warranty support.

A set on stand-by duty will need servicing at times other than those recommended by Onan and the engine manufacturer. Refer to Cummins manual for engine services and maintenance procedures. Adjust your schedule to satisfy the following conditions—

- Continuous duty (prime power)
- Standby power
- Extremes in ambient temperature
- Exposure to elements
- Exposure to salt water or sea water
- Exposure to dust, sand, etc.

Consult with your ONAN distributor or dealer for a schedule of maintenance and service more suitable to the unique environment and application of your set.

**WARNING** ***Before commencing any maintenance work on the engine, generator, control panel, automatic transfer switch or associated wiring, disconnect batteries. Failure to do so could result in damage to the unit or serious personal injury in the event of inadvertent starting.***

## TABLE 6. OPERATOR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

| MAINTENANCE ITEMS | OPERATIONAL HOURS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 8 | 50 | 100 | 200-250 |
| Inspect Set while running. Check visually and audibly for exhaust leaks. | x | | | |
| Check Radiator Coolant | x | | | |
| Check Oil Level | x4 | | | |
| Check Air Cleaner (Clean if Required) | | x1 | | |
| Clean and Inspect Crankcase Breather | | | x | |
| Inspect Fan Belt | | | x2 | |
| Check Cooling System | | | x3 | |
| Clean and Inspect Battery Charging Alternator | | | | x |
| Change Crankcase Oil | | | x1 | |
| Replace Oil Filter Element | | | x1 | |
| Check Batteries | | x5 | | |
| Replace Fuel Filter | | | | x |
| Check all hardware, fittings, clamps, fasteners, etc. | | | x6 | |

x1 - Or every 3 months, perform more often in extremely dusty conditions.
x2 - Or every 3 months, adjust to 1/2 inch (13 mm) depression between pulleys.
x3 - Or every 3 months, check for rust or scale formation. Flush if necessary.
x4 - For accurate readings, check oil level approximately 15 minutes after shutdown. Keep oil level as near "FULL" mark on dipstick as possible. See engine manual.
x5 - Or every two weeks.
x6 - Or every 3 months.

**NOTE:** The above schedule is a minimum requirement. For the recommended service periods for your engine, refer to engine manual.

## GOVERNOR ADJUSTMENTS— ENGINE SPEED

A Barber-Colman governor is standard equipment on DFP generator sets. Governor is set at the Onan testing facility and does not require further adjustment for normal standby service.

If, however, unit is used frequently or if the governor is removed for service, adjustment may be required. This is accomplished as follows:

1. Disconnect wire from TB11-22. This disconnects the starter solenoid.
2. Place Run-Stop-Remote switch to RUN position. Governor should stay at the minimum fuel position. If this position is not obtained, consult with Onan service representative.
3. Return Run-Stop-Remote switch to STOP. Reconnect wire at TB11-22.
4. Position speed control rheostat on generator control panel to midrange of travel (out 5 turns from low r/min).
5. Adjust speed reference potentiometer in governor controller counterclockwise four complete turns. Reference Figure 24.
6. Start engine. Be prepared at this point, to assume manual control of engine in the event that adjustments are incorrect. If engine does not attain correct r/min it may be necessary to adjust the speed reference potentiometer. Clockwise to increase speed, counterclockwise to decrease.
7. Adjust Gain potentiometer slightly clockwise then counterclockwise as necessary until engine is stable and responsive to governor control. Reference Figure 24.
8. Load and unload engine several times to ensure correct gain adjustment.
9. Shut down engine. Restart engine to make sure that unit does not overspeed.
10. Engine is now ready for service.

**Any subsequent speed adjustment can be made at the control panel potentiometer.**

**When using generator frequency meter to determine engine speed, multiply frequency by 30 to calculate engine speed.**

**Example: 30 X 61 Hz = 1830 rpm.**

**Adjust engine speed to 1800 rpm for 60 Hertz and 1500 rpm for 50 Hertz sets.**

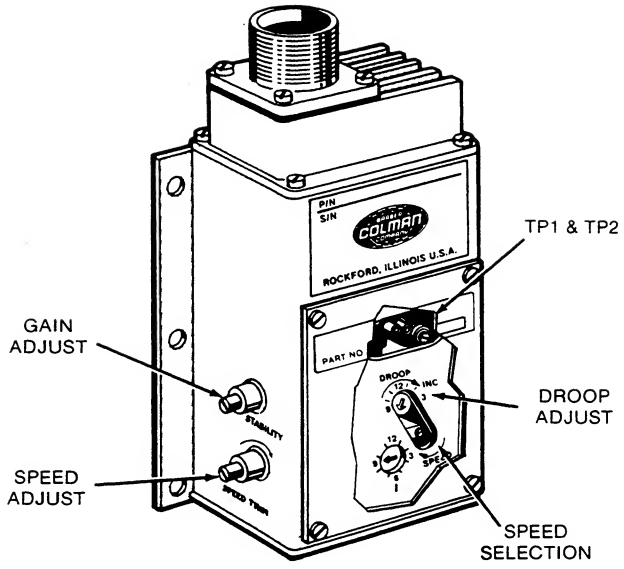



**FIGURE 24. GOVERNOR CONTROL BOX**

## AC GENERATOR

There are no brushes, brush springs or collector rings on these generators, therefore they require very little servicing. Periodic inspections, to coincide with engine oil changes, will ensure good performance.

**Generator Bearing:** Inspect the bearing every 1000 hours with the unit running.

If using the unit for "prime power", replace the bearing every 10,000 hours or two years. If using the set for "standby", replace the bearing every five years.

Check generator voltage. It may be necessary to make a slight readjustment of the voltage rheostat to obtain the preferred voltage at average load.

## INSPECTION AND CLEANING

When inspecting the rotating rectifier assembly, make sure diodes are free of dust, dirt and grease. Excessive foreign matter on these diodes and heat sinks will cause the diodes to overheat and will result in their failure. Blow out the assembly periodically, with filtered, low pressure air.

## BATTERIES

Check the condition of the starting batteries at least every two weeks. See that connections are clean and tight. A light coating of non-conductive grease will retard corrosion at terminals. Keep the electrolyte at the proper level above the plates by adding distilled water. Check specific gravity; recharge if below 1.260.

## CONNECTIONS (Fuel, Exhaust, etc.)

Operator should periodically make a complete visual inspection of the set while running at rated load. Some of the things to check for are as follows:

1. Check all fuel and oil lines for possible leakage.
2. Inspect exhaust lines and mufflers for possible leakage and cracks.
3. Periodically or daily, drain moisture from condensation traps.
4. Inspect water lines and connections for leaks and security.
5. Inspect electrical wires and connections for security and fray damage.

**If generator requires major repair or servicing, contact an authorized Onan dealer or distributor.**

## FILTERS

A planned program of filter cleaning or replacement will pay dividends in engine life, operation and reliability.

**Air Filter:** Replace or clean when plugged, or in accordance with service maintenance instructions. To remove filter element loosen eight nuts holding head, lift off head and remove filter element (see Figure 25).

Recommended clean method for element:

1. Blow dry compressed air (30 psi [207 kPa] maximum) through element from clean side. Hold air nozzle at least 1 inch (25 mm) away.
2. Soak for at least 15 minutes in water and Donaldsons D1400 solvent to remove soot and carbon as well as dirt. Rinse until water is clear (use low pressure water) and air dry. Do not use compressed air.

**CAUTION** ***Filters should be handled with care to prevent damage. If the filter does become damaged, install recommended replacement part.***

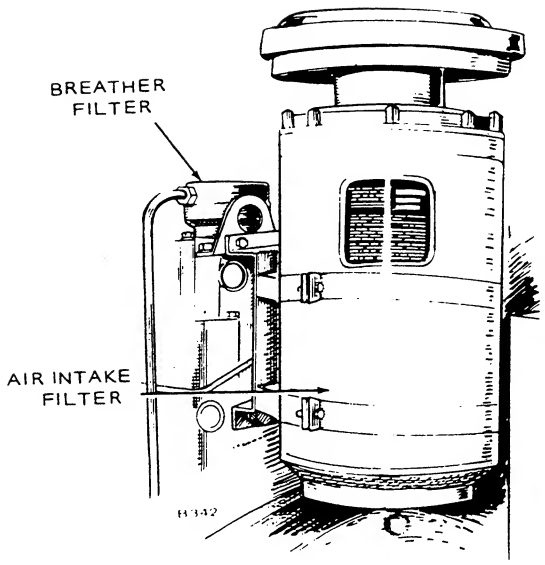



FIGURE 25. AIR FILTER

**Lubrication Oil Filter:** Replace every oil change or when differential pressure across filter reaches 15 psi (103.5 kPa).

To change filter, proceed as follows—

1. Remove drain plug (see Figure 26) and allow oil to drain.

   **Capacity of oil filter is 2.9 gallons (11 litres).**

2. Loosen capscrew at base of filter case and remove assembly from engine. Remove filter element.

   **Before discarding element, inspect for metal particles indicating internal failure. Notify engine manufacturer if found. Wrinkles on outside wrapper and waviness or bunching on pleats indicates moisture in oil. This is an indication that engine weekly exercise period is too short. Engine is not run long enough for full heat saturation. Moisture will also combine with sulphur in the oil to form sulphurous acid.**

3. Discard filter element, remove and discard oil seal ring from filter head.
4. Clean filter case; reinstall drain plug.

   **Cummins recommends that small oil rings (2) at bottom of filter be replaced every second oil change to prevent leakage due to hardening.**

5. Position element end seals and install new filter element over spring support.
6. Position new seal ring on filter case, then insert element. Position to filter head and secure center capscrew. Torque 25- to 35 lb-ft (34 to 47 N.m).

7. Fill crankcase to "H" mark on dipstick, run engine to verify no oil leaks, shut down engine and add oil as necessary.

**Always allow 15 minutes after engine shutdown before checking oil level. This will give oil time to drain back into the crankcase.**

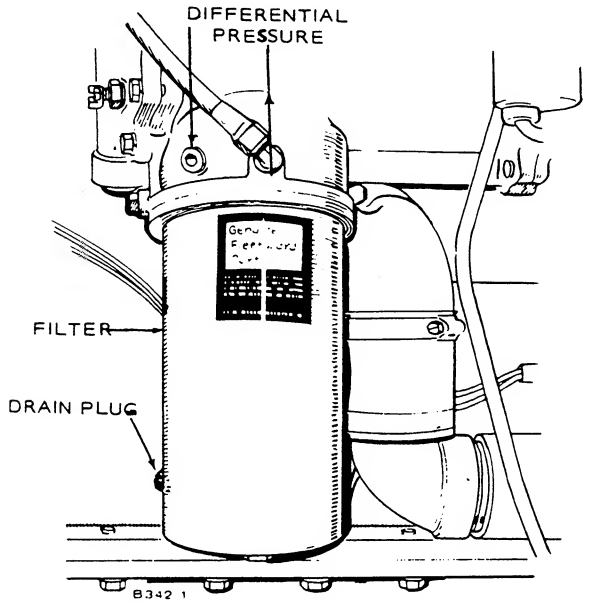



**FIGURE 26. LUBRICATION OIL FILTER**

**Fuel Filter:** Spin-off throw-away unit. A water drain is situated at the bottom of the filter case. This should be used to drain off moisture either daily or at the end of every exercise period, depending on unit application. When replacing filter, fill with clean fuel before installation (see Figure 27).

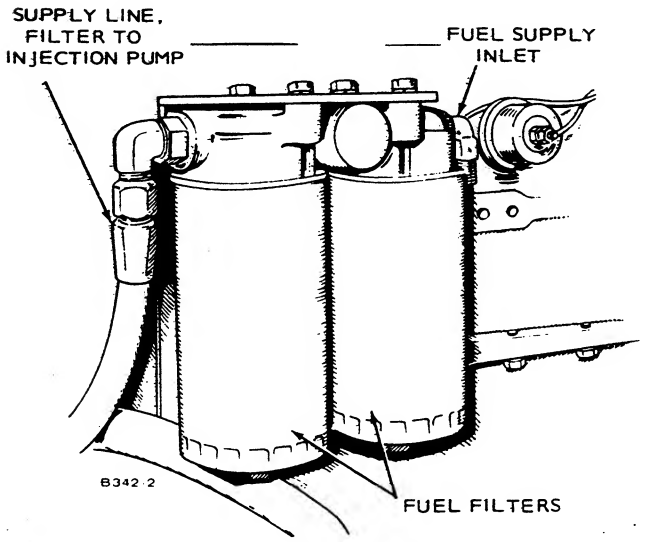



**FIGURE 27. FUEL FILTERS**

**Coolant Filter:** A shut off valve (see Figure 28) is installed in the inlet and outlet line to the coolant filter to be closed, for minimum coolant loss when the filter is removed. Refer to engine manufacturer's manual for coolant filter replacement information.

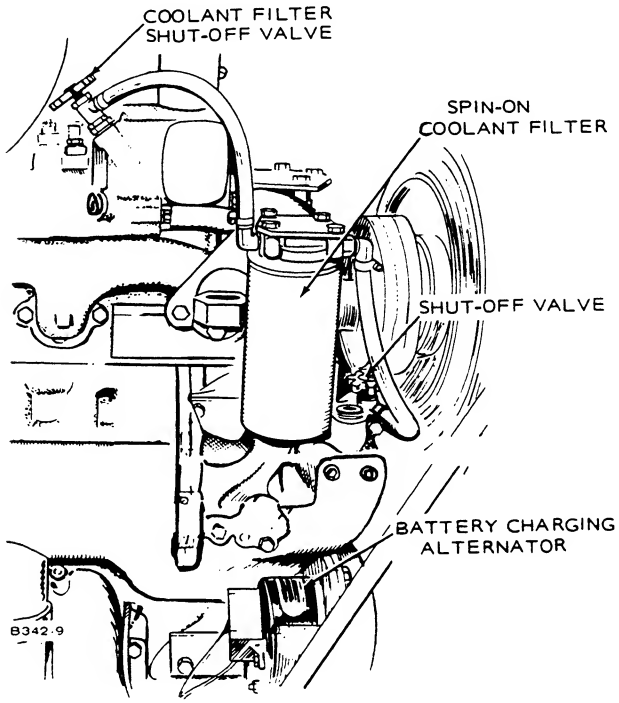



**FIGURE 28. COOLANT FILTER**

**Crankcase Breather Filter:** To clean crankcase breather filter elements, proceed as follows:

1. Remove wing nut, flat-washer and rubber washer holding cover, lift cover and swing away from filter assembly (see Figure 29).
2. Lift out breather element, vapor element and gasket.
3. Clean all parts with approved solvent. Dry with compressed air (30 psi maximum [OSHA]).
4. Inspect all parts, replace if necessary.
5. Reassemble filter assembly, replace cover and secure.

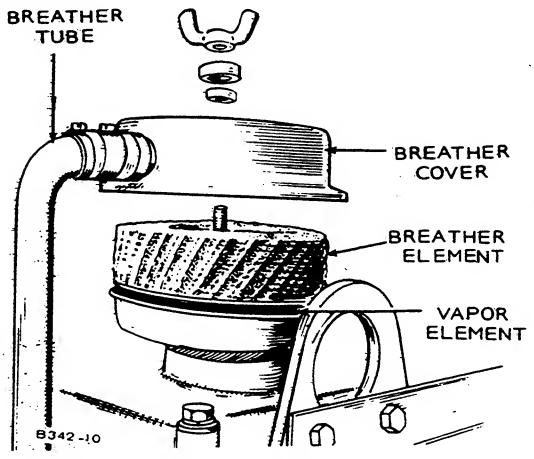


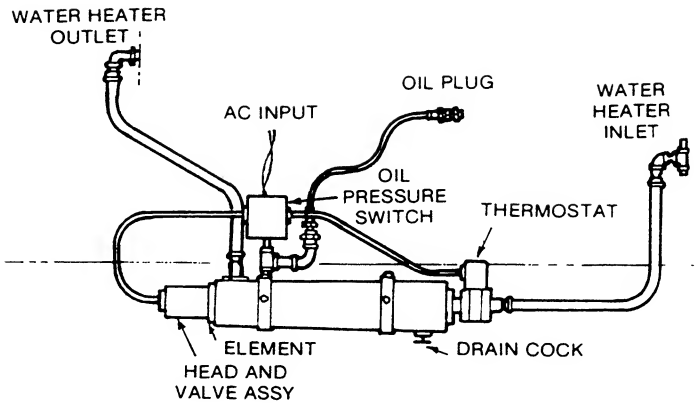

**FIGURE 29. CRANKCASE BREATHER FILTER**

## WATER JACKET HEATERS (Optional)

A water jacket heater is optional equipment on the DFP generator set. For efficient operation and optimum product life, perform the following procedure at least once a year (see Figure 30):

1. Remove head and valve assembly.
2. Clean foreign matter out of the tank.
3. Remove element and scrape off scale accumulated on the sheathing.

**CAUTION** ***When reassembling threaded aluminum parts, be sure to use anti-seize compound.***



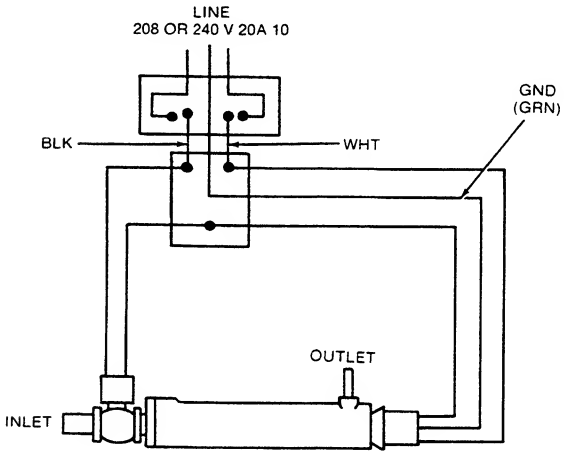




**FIGURE 30. WATER JACKET MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.**

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